

House Resolution 2129

By: Representatives Holmes of the 61st, James of the 135th, Everson of the 106th, Morgan of the 39th, Hugley of the 133rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Eta Lambda Chapter; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded by the Seven Jewels (Henry
4 Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley,
5 Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy) on December
6 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; and

7 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was the first intercollegiate fraternity
8 established for African-Americans and the Eta Lambda graduate chapter was established in
9 1921; and

10 WHEREAS, the Jewels laid a firm foundation for the principles of scholarship, fellowship,
11 good character, and the uplifting of humanity; and

12 WHEREAS, Alpha college and graduate chapters have worked diligently and tirelessly to
13 help correct the educational, economic, political, and social injustices facing
14 African-Americans through their many programs, such as "Go-to-High-School,"
15 "Go-to-College," voter registration and voter rights campaigns, Alpha Head Start Male
16 Initiative, Project Alpha, Leadership Academy, mentoring, building affordable housing,
17 scholarships, and many other community service projects; and

18 WHEREAS, the Eta Lambda Chapter has provided outstanding leadership in national
19 programs and has become a model chapter in living up to the fraternity's goals of Manly
20 Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for all Mankind; and

21 WHEREAS, numerous brothers in the fraternity have been outstanding national leaders in
22 the struggle to achieve civil rights in America, such as Senator Edward Brooke, Dr. W. E. B.

1 DuBois, Congressman William Gray, Mayor Maynard Jackson, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
2 Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and
3 Ambassador Andrew Young; and

4 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2006 and Eta Lambda
5 its 86th year.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body commend Alpha Phi Alpha and the Eta Lambda Chapter for their
8 outstanding contributions to this nation.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to National President Daryl
11 Matthews and Eta Lambda Chapter President Ronald Natson.